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## PATENT APPLICATION

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****In re United States Patent Application of:****Applicant:** VAN BUSKIRK, Peter, et al.**Application No.:** 09/768,494**Date Filed:** January 24, 2001**Title:** ISOTROPIC DRY CLEANING  
PROCESS FOR METAL  
INTEGRATED CIRCUIT  
STRUCTURES**Docket No.:** 2771-272 CON**Examiner:** Allan W. Olsen**Art Unit:** 1763**Confirmation No.:** 2111

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